

Dear A.I.,

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I found the story about and your comments on Candy Barr quite interesting, thanks.

Our weather was as you report, but only briefly. The first day of spring here was marked by the first flyin', biting bugs, sap oozing from the culled trees, enough in the maple to deter the saw, and easy, free sweating. It was warm, not hot. Then bang! Two days of a vast cold front passing through, with winds high and regularly at 60 mph. Large trucks were blown over on many roads. It got no higher than 34 yesterday, nights around 20.

The grass is taking color, meaning I have much cleaning up to do fast. The crocuses have been out for a week, with the narcissi and other flowers up and close behind.

I look forward to the variety of natural exercises warmer weather will permit.

The Iran-hostage situation is as you describe it, degrading. It is simply incredible that any country's leadership would have permitted even what triggered it after credible warning of the certainty of it.

The strange thing is that his impardonable blunder has given Carter his first popular support.

The terrible thing is that, when dealing with fanatics who are also crazy, if any forceful step is now taken those innocent people will be killed.

I'm afraid that it represents a major change in international relations that can't really be coped with any more.

There are crazy radicals running free all around, kidnapping, killing, etc.

You speak of knowing Judge Brown's son. Do you know Buddy Walthers' widow or Alan Sweatt's son? Alan told me he had a file of pictures that would interest me but he died before I could return to Dallas. Buddy's wife may have some notes he made, or other such records. I was about to seek him out the day he was killed. I was on my way back to downtown from Parkland when it happened.

She remarried. I had her new name and an address at the JP court in Oak Cliff. I wrote her but she never responded.

If Buddy had any records relating to the impact on the curb near the Triple Underpass of the others it could be of some value. So could others of which I may not know.

I don't know if it would make any difference to her but I'm friendly with one of Buddy's friends, Lonnie Hudkins. When he left Texas he moved to Maryland, about an hour and a half from here. Haven't seen him for a while but used to often.

Best wishes, and thanks,